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CONNECTICUT COW NAMED GRAND CHAMPION AT WORLD DAIRY EXPO

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Every fall dairy breeders from around the world flock to Madison, Wisconsin. This city of 240,000 residents has become the center of the dairy universe, and every year it swells with dairy enthusiasts.

Some go to check out the latest dairy innovations or watch the many cattle shows. Others go for the elite cattle sales that are held during the week, while still others go to catch up with old friends and talk cows. World Dairy Expo is a week-long event that unites dairymen from around the world.

For a few Connecticut breeders, the journey to World Dairy Expo's breed shows—Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jr. Holstein, Jersey, Red and White, and Shorthorn—means an opportunity to see how well their cattle can compete against the best North America has to offer.

The road to Madison is a year-long process that begins immediately after the completion of the event each year. Competing at the highest level takes extreme dedication and hard work. Exhibitors work with animals constantly, scrutinize diets, and pay attention to every detail.

This year's shows featured 2,225 head of cattle from 36 states and seven provinces.

One of the nation's smallest states, Connecticut does not send

many dairy cattle to World Dairy Expo, but the few that do make the journey are among the most elite. This year several Connecticut

breeders not only made the trek but did extremely well in the competitions.

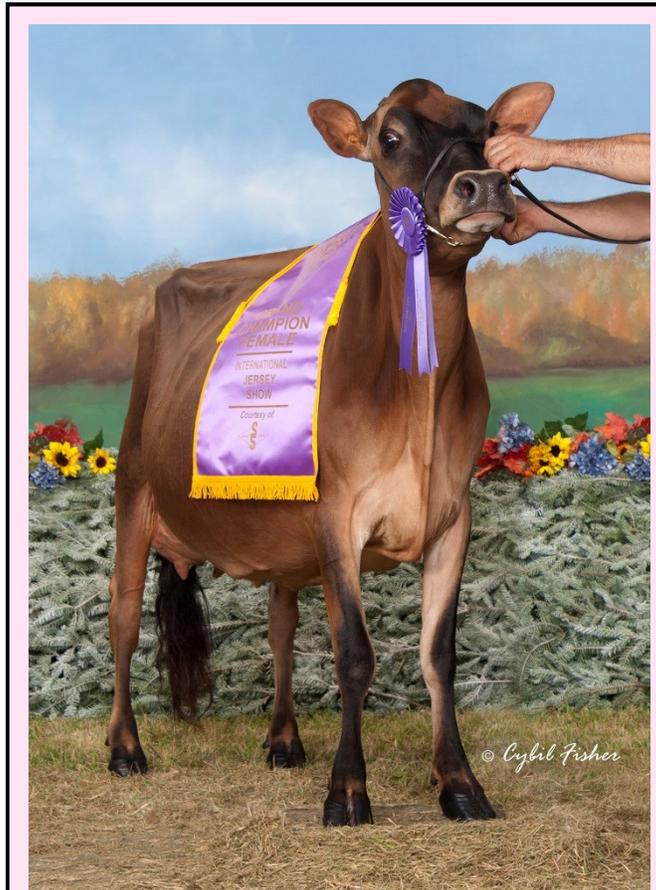
In the Jersey show, Arethusa Farm of Litchfield took home the ultimate honor. Page-Crest Excitation Karlie, the first-place finisher in the Senior Three-Year-Old Cow class, was named Grand Champion as well as Intermediate Champion of the show.

Karlie has a successful show season last year as well, with Intermediate Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors at the 2012 Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Arethusa Farm purchased Karlie earlier this year at the Franchise Kind Sale II for a world-record price of \$170,000.

Several other Arethusa Farm animals also did well in the Jersey show. Arethusa Exciting Vanguard-ET was second in the Fall Yearling Heifer class, while Arethusa Vida Tequila-ET finished third. The Fall Yearlings also anchored the farm's third-place finish in the Junior Best Three Females class.

In the Six Year Old and Older Cow class, Arethusa Veronica's Comet-ET came in fourth, while Milo-Vindication Season-ET finished fifth.

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Arethusa Farm's Page-Crest Excitation Karlie was the first-place finisher in the Senior Three-Year-Old Cow class and was named Grand Champion and Intermediate Champion of the Jersey show at 2013 World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI (Cybil Fisher photo, courtesy of Arethusa Farm)

**WHOLESALE MUSHROOMS
U.S. GROWN**

	Low	High
OYSTER,5lb	18.00	20.00
PORTBLLA 6/6oz	10.00	12.00
PORTBLLA,caps,5lb	7.50	7.50
SHIITAKE,3lb,lg	14.00	15.00
WHITE,10/10oz	11.50	11.50
WHITE,10lb.lb	16.50	16.50

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

	Low	High
49-54 220-300 lbs	69.00-73.50	
300-400 lbs	70.00-74.00	
45-49 220-300 lbs	65.00-68.00	
300-400 lbs	66.00-69.50	
Sows: US 1-3 300-500 lbs	63.00-68.00	
500-700 lbs	68.00-70.00	
Boars: 300-700lbs	26.00-28.00	

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

Lancaster, PA, per cwt.
November 4, 2013

	Low	High
Gr US 1- wt20-40	100.00	130.00
Gr US 2 wt15-20	140.00	140.00
wt20-30	70.00	95.00
wt30-40	60.00	90.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, November 4, 2013

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	18.00	22.00
61-75 lbs.	25.00	32.50
76-90 lbs.	42.50	47.50
91-105 lbs.	48.00	55.00
106 lbs. & up	60.00	64.00
Farm Calves	70.00	75.00
Starter Calves	22.50	25.00
Veal Calves	60.00	115.00
Open Heifers	73.00	95.00
Beef Steers	82.50	95.00
Beef Heifers	73.50	80.25
Feeder Steers	80.00	85.00
Stock Bulls	75.00	80.00
Beef Bulls	76.00	85.00
Boars	1 at	3.00
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	60.00	75.00
Goats each	65.00	190.00
Kid Goats	42.50	90.00
Canners	up to	79.50
Cutters	80.00	83.00
Utility Grade Cows	84.00	87.50
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	7.00	20.00
Chickens each	3.00	15.00
Ducks each	6.00	27.00
Feeder Pigs	34.00	42.50
Lambs	45.00	120.00
Sheep	35.00	105.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
ALFALFA SPRT,5lb	14.00	14.00
APPLE,empr,xfcy,80ct	28.00	28.00
APPLE,crtnd,12/3lb,US1,2 1/4"	17.00	17.00
APPLE,crtnd,12/3lb,fcy	20.00	22.00
APPLE,empr,bu,	20.00	20.00
APPLE,fuji,bu	22.00	22.00
APPLE,gala,12/3lb,2 1/4"	16.00	16.00
APPLE,hnycrsp,100ct,fcy	26.00	28.00
APPLE,mcn,8/5-lb,tote	24.00	24.00
APPLE,mcn,96ct,xfcy	25.00	26.00
APPLE,mcntsh,no1,140ct	16.00	77.00
APPLE,nrthspy,bu	22.00	22.00
BEETS,12s	12.00	14.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	20.00	20.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb,bag	10.00	10.00
CIDER,9/.5gal	18.00	18.00
COLLARDS,12s	12.00	15.00
CRANBERRIES,24/12oz	34.00	35.00
KALE,12s	10.00	15.00
PARSNIP,18/1lb	23.00	23.00
PARSNIP,25lb	22.00	22.00
PEAR,bsc,4/5bu	24.00	26.00
POTATO,10lb	2.25	2.30
POTATO,CHF,50lb	12.00	13.00
POTATO,szA,50lb	12.00	12.00
SQUASH,acrn,1 1/9bu,lg	16.00	17.00
SQUASH,acrn,1 1/9bu,md	12.00	13.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,1 1/9bu,md	15.00	17.00
SQUASH,bttrnt,1 1/9bu,sm	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,spghtti,1 1/9bu,md	20.00	20.00
TOMATO,grp,12/1pt	10.00	10.00
TOMATO,plum,25lb	12.00	16.00
TURNIP,wht,bu	25.00	26.00
TURNIP,prpl,25lb	10.00	10.00

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

November 1, 2013
Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:			
breakers 75-80% lean	76.00	79.75	
boners 80-85% lean	72.00	75.75	
lean 85-90% lean	66.50	71.50	
CALVES graded bull			
No.1 95-120lbs	135.25	149.00	
No 2 95-120lbs	117.00	135.25	
No 3 80-120lbs	78.00	100.00	
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr			
High dressing	97.75	102.25	
Avg.dressing	91.00	94.75	
Low dressing	79.25	86.25	
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS			
HiCh/Prm2-3	125.25	128.75	
Ch2-3	120.00	123.75	
Ch1-3	114.75	119.50	
SLAUGHTER STEERS			
HiCh/prm2-3	128.25	132.50	
Ch1-3	124.25	128.00	
Sel1-2	121.00	123.50	
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS			
HiCh/prm2-3	113.00	117.25	
Ch 2-3	106.00	110.25	
Sel1-2	97.00	103.00	
VEALER 60 120lbs	35.25	65.00	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3			
40-60lbs		n/a	
60-80lbs	162.00	164.00	
80-110lbs	156.00	170.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3			
120-160lbs	54.00	76.00	
170-200lbs	58.00	72.00	
220-225lbs	56.00	58.00	
Bucks 130-159lbs	60.00	82.00	
160-200lbs	56.00	64.00	
200-250lbs		n/a	
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est. wt.			
40-60lbs	140.00	152.00	
60-80lbs	130.00	155.00	
90-110lbs	145.00	172.00	
Nannies/Does: 90-125lbs	130.00	155.00	
130-150lbs	122.00	160.00	
Bucks/Billies: 150-200lbs	212.00	265.00	
110-150lbs	200.00	266.00	

EASTERN PA GRAIN

November 4, 2013
Average price per bushel

BARLEY	N/A
CORN	4.07
OATS	3.00
SOYBEANS	12.07
WHEAT	7.03

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz., USDA Grade A/Grade A white in cartons
(volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.35	1.39
LARGE	1.33	1.37
MEDIUM	1.12	1.16

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

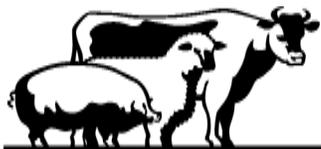
Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons
(delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.82	1.91
LARGE	1.76	1.85
MEDIUM	1.23	1.33



**RETAIL DAIRY
NORTHEAST U.S.**

	Low	High
BUTTER,1lb	1.99	3.69
CHEESE,natrl var.,8oz	1.79	2.99
CHEESE,natrl var.,no1,blck	1.98	4.29
CHEESE,natrl var.,8oz,shrd	1.99	3.49
COTTAGE CHEESE,16oz	1.00	2.99
CREAM CHEESE,8oz	1.25	2.48
MILK,flvrd,1/2gal	1.99	2.50
MILK,flvrd,gal	3.00	4.99
ICE CREAM,48-64oz	1.99	3.50
SOUR CREAM,16oz	1.29	1.69
YOGURT,Grk,4-6oz	.98	1.25
YOGURT,Grk,32oz	4.49	4.49



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OPEN SPACE GRANTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES, LAND CONSERVATION GROUPS

Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has announced the availability of funds to assist municipalities and land conservation organizations with the purchase and preservation of open space lands through the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition program.

Funding for this round will be made available from Community Investment Act funds and may be augmented by state bond funds.

The Community Investment Act (Public Act 05-228) was designed to protect and preserve the beauty and unique character of Connecticut for future generations by providing a new source of funding for open space, protection of farmland, preservation of historic sites, creation of additional affordable housing programs, and important municipal capital improvement projects.

Applications are available at www.ct.gov/deep/openspace and are due January 31, 2014. Awards are anticipated in the fall of 2014. For more information call 860-424-3081 or 860-424-3774.

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Another Connecticut dairyman did extremely well in the Guernsey show. Dr. P. Morey Miller of Granby exhibited Millborne Hillpoint S Fiesta-ET in partnership with Mike Hellenbrand and Peter Vail. Fiesta won the Senior Two-Year-Old Cow class and walked away with the Fight Bac Guernsey Gold Futurity, then topped off her great day in the ring by being named Intermediate Champion as well as Reserve Grand Champion of the show.

Dr. Miller also exhibited the second-place finisher in the Spring Heifer Calf class, Millborne HP Bentley Holly. Holly is owned by Dr. Miller and Hillpoint Partners.

In the Holstein show, several animals exhibited by Connecticut breeders were among the top ten finishers in their classes.

Quad R Attic Malibu, exhibited by Rick and Shannon Allyn of Canaan in partnership with J & K Cantele, finished first in the Summer Yearling Heifer class, while BVK Atwood Andrea-ET, owned by the Allyns in partnership with Jason Lloyd and Mike Heath and fresh off a grand championship at the Northeast Fall National (The Big E), finished third in a very strong Junior Three-Year-Old Cow class.

Meanwhile, Robrook Goldwyn Cameron, exhibited by Woodmansee Farms of Preston in partnership with Bujon Farms, St Jacobs ABC, and Peter and Lyn Vail, took second in the Four-Year-Old Cow class, while Comestar Larion Goldwyn, owned by JM Valley, the Allyns, Ferme Jendro, D Dubois, F Lemieus, and M.E. Dal Farm, finished third in the Fall Heifer Calf class.

Elsewhere at World Dairy Expo, A First Choice Female, sired by Atwood out of Cameron, sold for \$42,000 at the World Classic sale. The quality of the cattle exhibited this year was truly exceptional.

Exhibitors are already beginning to plan and prepare for 2014 World Dairy Expo, "Designer Dairy." For more information about the event, visit www.WorldDairyExpo.com.

Closer to home, October 25-27, 2013, Connecticut's Holstein breeders took center stage in Norwich when the Connecticut Holstein Association hosted the 2013 New England Holstein Convention.

In conjunction with the convention, a tag sale featuring a group of the Northeast's finest Holstein cattle was held October 24-27 in Preston. The New England Fall Classic Tag Sale offered live cattle, picks of flushes, as well as embryos. Other events included a Friday night dinner, a pizza party for juniors, breakfast panel discussion, speaker from the Dairy Food Council, annual meeting, and tours of farms in Lebanon and Preston.

For more information about the Connecticut Holstein Association and the New England Holstein Convention, visit www.nesholsteins.com.

USDA NRCS BACK IN BUSINESS

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in Connecticut are resuming work with farmers and ranchers to implement conservation activities.

The agency is proceeding with implementation of several conservation programs including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). However, authority to enroll acres in several other programs, such as the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), elapsed on September 30, 2013, due to the expiration of the Farm Bill.

For more information, visit www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov.

FSMA COMMENTS DUE NOV 15

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) earlier this year extended comment periods until November 15, 2013, on the proposed Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) rules for *Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food* and *Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption*.

FDA took this action to allow interested persons the opportunity to consider the interrelationships between these two proposals, which were published on January 16, 2013, and the two new proposed rules that published on July 29, 2013, *Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Importers of Food for Humans and Animals* and the *Accreditation of Third-Party Auditors/Certification Bodies to Conduct Food Safety Audits and to Issue Certifications*.

These four proposed rules are part of the foundation of, and central framework for, the modern food safety system envisioned by Congress in the FSMA.

Connecticut farmers will be affected by FSMA implementation. All are encouraged to learn more about the proposed rules and submit any comments they may have by the November 15 deadline.

Go to <http://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/ConstituentUpdates/ucm364189.htm> for more information.

FSMA TOOL KIT AVAILABLE

To help organizations, farmers, and consumers comment on FDA's proposed food safety regulations by the November 15, 2013, deadline, the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition has compiled a comprehensive tool kit, available at <http://tinyurl.com/mb4wuje>.

FREE FSMA INFORMATION WORKSHOP NOV 6

A free workshop on the proposed FSMA Produce Safety and Preventive Controls rules will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon on November 6, 2013, at the Middlesex Extension Center in Haddam. Reserve a spot at 860-768-1100 or cathyb@cfba.org.

AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION PRIZE COMPETITION

The Howard G. Buffett Foundation and the University of Wisconsin-Madison have launched the 2014 Agricultural Innovation Prize.

The competition is open to U.S. undergraduate and graduate students across all academic disciplines and runs through spring 2014. Teams will compete for the chance to win \$215,000 in prize money with a grand prize of \$100,000, making this the largest agriculture-focused student competition in the world.

The contest encourages student teams to develop innovative plans to address social and agricultural challenges within food systems, improving the standard of living and quality of life for the world's population.

The contest will narrow down all of the entries to the top 25 teams who will be invited to the final round, taking place in Madison, WI at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery. Learn more at www.agprize.com.

INSURANCE DEADLINE FOR PERENNIAL CROPS NOV 20

The deadline to insure perennial crops in the Northeast for the 2014 crop year is November 20, 2013. Perennial crops include apples, peaches, pears, blueberries, grapes and cranberries.

Help finding a crop insurance agent is available through USDA's Risk Management Agency's online tool at <http://tinyurl.com/kaxctja>.



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